

MEDICAL BILLING REQUIREMENTS

2006 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the requirement of hospitals to provide statements of itemized billing to patients within the Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires hospitals to provide some description of the services provided to a patient with the itemized statement of charges.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

26-21-20, as last amended by Chapter 86, Laws of Utah 2000

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26-21-20** is amended to read:

26-21-20. Requirement for hospitals to provide statements of itemized charges to patients.

(1) Each hospital, as defined in Section 26-21-2, shall provide a statement of itemized



28 charges to any patient receiving medical care or other services from that hospital.

29 (2) The statement shall be provided to the patient or his personal representative or
30 agent at the hospital's expense, personally, by mail, or by verifiable electronic delivery at the
31 time any statement is provided to any person or entity for billing purposes. If the statement is
32 not provided to a third party, it shall be provided to the patient as soon as possible and
33 practicable.

34 (3) (a) The statement shall itemize each of the charges actually provided by the hospital
35 to the patient.

36 (b) The itemized statement required by Subsection (3)(a) must include a clear
37 description of the services itemized and may not include only a code number for the services
38 provided.

39 (4) The statement may not include charges of physicians who bill separately.

40 (5) The requirements of this section do not apply to patients who receive services from
41 a hospital under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

42 (6) A statement of charges to be paid by a third party and related information provided
43 to a patient pursuant to this section shall be marked in bold: "DUPLICATE: DO NOT PAY" or
44 other appropriate language.

Legislative Review Note
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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

Any fiscal impact can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

Some hospitals not currently in compliance with the provisions of this bill may incur some one-time expenses to change the information printed on their patients' discharge papers. Some hospitals may incur an ongoing expense of up to \$5 per discharge to ensure compliance.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst